

STATE OF TENNESSEE

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 505

SENATE BILL NO. 386

By Yager, McNally, Burchett

Substituted for: House Bill No. 730

By Ferguson, Winningham, Hackworth, Eldridge

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 16, Chapter 18, Part 3, relative to the "Municipal Court Reform Act of 2004".

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 16-18-308, is amended by designating the present language as subsection "(a)" and by adding the following language, to be designated as subsection "(b)":

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) to the contrary, if a municipal charter provides that the person who serves as judge of the municipal court shall also serve as the recorder for the municipality, then such person may concurrently hold both offices.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 16-18-309(a)(1), is amended by deleting the word "Each" from the first sentence and by substituting instead the following:

Except as otherwise provided in subdivision (4), each

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 16-18-309(a), is further amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated subdivision:

(4) If the judge of a municipal court is authorized to practice law in the courts of Tennessee, and if the judge satisfies the annual continuing legal education requirements for practicing attorneys and three (3) of the hours completed in satisfying the continuing legal education requirements are training or continuing education courses required by § 16-18-309(a)(1), then such judge shall not be required to complete three additional hours of training or continuing education courses required by § 16-18-309(a)(1). By March 1 following the year for which such requirements are met, the judge shall submit to the administrative office of the courts a copy of the statement of compliance issued by the commission on continuing legal education verifying the number of continuing legal education hours completed for such year.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: June 12, 2009



RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



KENT WILLIAMS, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 25th day of June 2009



PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR